






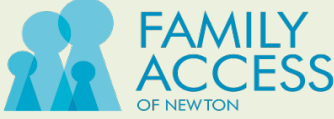

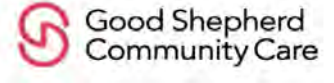
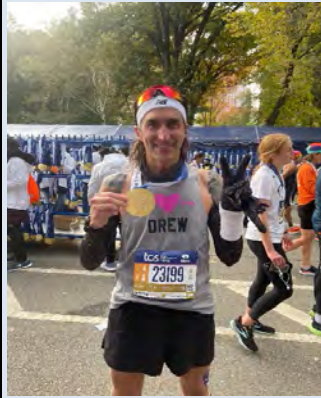















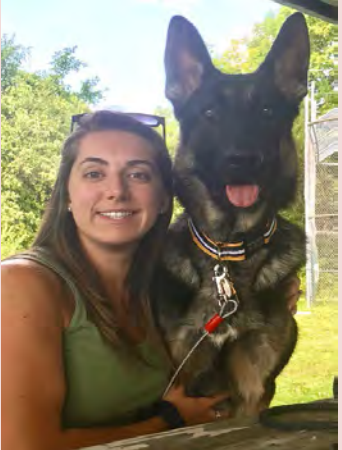







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<p>Kelly Morrissey</p> 	<p>ALS One</p> 	<p>To expedite treatments and ultimately find a cure for ALS while improving the care now for those living with the disease.</p>	<p>In 2015 ALS became more than just something I heard about on the news or social media through the Ice Bucket Challenge. ALS now meant that one of the people I love most in this world was going to lose his dad who was only 48 years old. It meant that Kevin Gosnell, who was adored, respected, and admired by everyone he met, was going to lose his ability to run, walk, dance, sing, write, laugh, and hug his family tight. Kevin Gosnell was diagnosed in May 2015 with ALS, seven months after his first symptoms appeared. Upon diagnosis, he set out to do one thing: change the lives of those affected with ALS so that those on his path would have viable treatments and one day a cure. Kevin lost his battle in August 2016, but his legacy and ALS ONE continue, stronger than ever. ALS ONE has raised more than \$10 million since 2015 for the purposes of advancing the research of its partners and providing care resources and equipment to those battling ALS now. Please help me continue the progress that ALS One is making by donating what you can or sharing my fundraising page. Thank you for making a difference.</p>
<p>Abbe Dalton Clark</p> 	<p>Centre Street Food Pantry</p> 	<p>The Centre Street Food Pantry provides families within our community with consistent access to nutritious food in a dignified, sensitive and inclusive environment.</p>	<p>After moving to Newton in 2001, my wonder for all those runners on Comm. Ave led to a passion. After starting running in my 40s, I have now completed 5 marathons and supported charities with those races. Another passion is fighting food insecurity, whether raising funds with my Tanglewood Festival Chorus colleagues (Team Diva!), donating fresh produce from my garden, or donating allergen- and celiac-friendly groceries to pantries. I am excited to be running in support of the Centre Street Food Pantry, right here at home, neighbors helping neighbors. Our community grows stronger when we help its members in need! The Centre Street Food Pantry serves about 1000 of our neighbors. I have volunteered at the pantry and even brought my (then) teen and his friends to help out and learn about why the CSFP is vital and impactful in Newton.</p>
<p>John J. McGourty</p> 	<p>City of Newton Veteran's Services Department</p> 	<p>Our Mission is to provide quality services and benefits to veterans and their dependents in need of emergency financial and medical assistance under Chapter 115 M.G.L. and to provide assistance in filling out applications and/or answering questions regarding VA Compensation, pensions, burials, etc. For information concerning statewide veterans events and programs, visit the MVSOA webpage.</p>	<p>Hi! I need your help. I'm running for the City of Newton Veteran Services' Department. I am 63 years old, married with two kids, a lifelong runner, and a U.S. Navy Veteran, where I served on the USS America, an aircraft carrier, as a shipboard electrician. I run for various charities throughout the year. I am the founder and one of the Race Directors of Rally for Sally held each year on the Fourth of July. This race raises money for childhood Cancer Research. I am currently a member of Inspectional Services Division (ISD) for the City of Newton as an Electrical Inspector.</p>





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<p>Michael Moynihan</p> 	<p>Family Access of Newton</p> 	<p>With a long tradition of providing high-quality, professional childcare to diverse populations, we offer children a safe, nurturing space to grow and flourish and families a welcoming, supportive community.</p>	<p>My name is Michael Moynihan and I live in Auburndale with my wife and two kids! Originally from Ireland, we moved to Auburndale in 2017 and every year we watch the Boston Marathon as a family at the Fire Station as runners turn onto Comm Ave! This year I'm hoping to make the marathon extra special and run the 26.2 miles from Hopkinton to help raise money for Family Access of Newton.</p>
<p>Martin Kelledy</p> 	<p>Good Shepherd Community Care</p> 	<p>Good Shepherd Community Care is dedicated to the delivery of the highest quality of care, support and education for those experiencing or anticipating serious illness and loss.</p>	<p>On April 15, 2013 when Martin Kelledy crossed the Boston Marathon finish line just after 2:30pm he wrapped himself in a foil blanket and headed to the designated spot where he had planned to meet his longtime girlfriend and her father to celebrate. The couple had found out just days earlier that they were pregnant with their first child. At 2:49pm the first bomb exploded in front of Marathon Sports. Seconds later, a second bomb exploded. This April, Martin will join thousands of participants in the 127th signature Boston running event marking 10 years since the domestic terrorist attack that killed 3 people and injured hundreds of others. And Martin's wife, Jennifer Sax, who has worked for Good Shepherd for the past 18 years and his now two children, Adriana (9) and Jaxon (4) will be front and center!</p>
<p>Drew Goldberg</p> 	<p>John M Barry Boys and Girls Club of Newton</p> 	<p>This group has been around since 1954 with the goal of inspiring and enabling young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. The members ranging from ages 6-18, develop self-esteem, educational and social competencies, a sense of wellbeing with a moral compass or code of values by which they may live</p>	<p>"Few things in life match the thrill of a marathon." Words from the great Fred Lebow; runner, race director and founder of the New York City Marathon. Being a 10 time marathoner, I know personally how true these words are. Truly seeing what you are made of and putting the mind vs body debate up to the test over and over again is nothing less than thrilling and beyond satisfying. For every marathoner, there is one race that is mandatory. For me, that race and time is now. I will be running the Boston Marathon this coming April 2023. For years I have heard so much about this race, its lure and the experience of doing it from all my fellow running mates. Now, it is my time to step into this Boston universe. I could not be happier and more honored to be raising funds for the John M. Barry Boys and Girls Club of Newton, MA.</p>





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<p>Erin Schwartz</p> 	<p>MEDA</p> 	<p>Eating disorder awareness/ resources</p>	<p>Erin Schwartz lives in Boston and grew up in Cleveland Ohio. As a former collegiate runner, who struggled with an eating disorder, I feel EVERYONE deserves resources to find full recovery. Running is an opportunity to celebrate the way our bodies can move and accomplish what otherwise seems impossible. In my past, running was a coping mechanism, an added stresser to my battle with an eating disorder. Today, I am proud to be fully recovered, using running as a way to celebrate my able body, not hate it. Running for MEDA allows me to celebrate my own journey and fundraise to provide the necessary resources, empowering others through MEDA's mission.</p>
<p>Maureen Cummings</p> 	<p>Mothers' Milk Bank NE</p> 	<p>Mothers' Milk Bank Northeast provides safe pasteurized donor human milk to premature and critically ill babies. Human milk is essential for the health and survival of premature babies. When a baby's own mother does not have enough milk, major medical and health organizations recommend pasteurized donor human milk as the safest alternative.</p>	<p>Maureen Cummings, a nurse, worked in pediatric care for 18 years and now works at a travel clinic in Newton doing education and vaccination for those traveling internationally. She remains passionate about pediatrics, as well as committed generally to helping other people. This will be her seventh Boston Marathon, five of them run for charity. She has had two spinal fusions, and in 2017 was told she would never run again. This inspired her to work hard to be able to run in 2018. She wanted to show others that if you put your mind to something and work hard anything is possible, and disabilities should not define you. She hopes to inspire other runners to get out there and try even if they may not be "fast." Maureen also has an eight-year-old rescue dog named Yogi.</p>
<p>Richard Paisner</p> 	<p>National Brain Tumor Society</p> 	<p>National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS) unrelentingly invests in, mobilizes, and unites the brain tumor community to discover a cure, deliver effective treatments, and advocate for patients and caregivers.</p>	<p>Richard is an 18-year brain tumor survivor living in Newton Center with his wife and three Newton Public School (NPS) children. He was diagnosed with a brain tumor a week before he and his wife were set to leave on their honeymoon. Richard is one of 4 members of his family to be diagnosed with a brain tumor, starting with his grandfather, Harry in 1958, also a Newton resident. Richard has been working to raise money for research, advocate with members of Congress for increased funding and volunteering with the National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS) since 2006. He is excited to be running his 1st marathon for this wonderful, Newton based organization.</p>

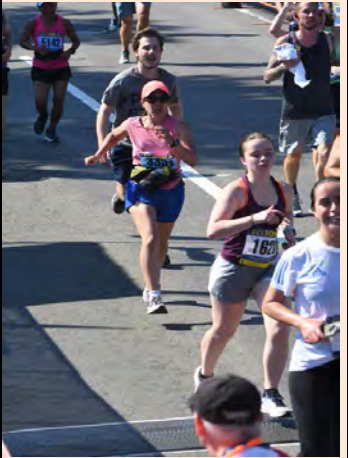

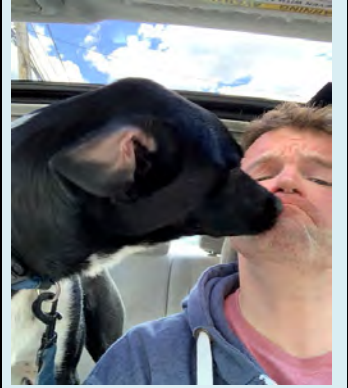

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<p>Julia Stilling</p> 	<p>Newton Athletes Unlimited</p> 	<p>Newton Athletes Unlimited offers high quality recreational programs to encourage physical, social, emotional and intellectual development to individuals with disabilities. Our programs strive to expand our participants' independence and improve their quality of life. We believe recreational activities should be accessible to all and are an integral part of the full and happy lives of our participants. Newton Athletes Unlimited builds life-long friendships between our athletes, families, coaches, volunteers and sponsors. These friendships make Newton a stronger, more inclusive community.</p>	<p>My name is Julia Stilling and I am so excited for the opportunity to participate in the 127th Boston Marathon to help support Newton Athletes Unlimited (NAU)! My connection to this incredible organization comes from the tremendous impact NAU has had on my family over the years. My sister, Marian Rose, is an active athlete and has benefited greatly from this community.</p>
<p>Joseph Meuse</p> 	<p>Newton fire fighters childrens fund</p> 	<p>The Newton Firefighter's Children's Fund was created back in 2012 to raise money for the children of fallen Firefighters across the state of Massachusetts and here in our own community of Newton. This fund pays out each year to any Massachusetts active firefighter who may pass away. Each one of their children, (under 21), will receive a check around the holiday season. The kids of the fallen Newton firefighters stay in program and receive a check every year until they reach the age of 21. The amount given out each year is in direct correlation to that year's fundraising success. Though it may be a small gesture, our goal is to reinforce to the children and families that they are part of our extended "Fire" family and that they will not be forgotten.</p>	<p>I am 29 year old - enjoy the outdoors and am an avid sports enthusiast.</p>
<p>Erika Haverty</p> 	<p>Newton Firefighters Children Fund</p> 	<p>To help and support the families of fallen firefighters in the city of Newton.</p>	<p>Hello, my name is Erika and I am 27 years old from Northbridge, MA. I teach in Boston and have been running since I was 10. This will be my second marathon, but not my last!</p>



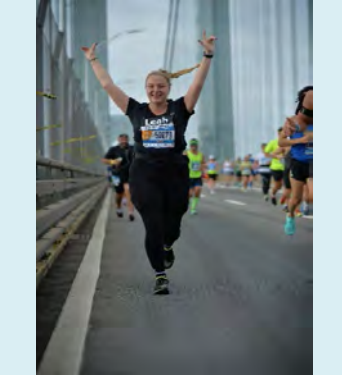



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<p data-bbox="155 147 271 175">Jack Hall</p> 	<p data-bbox="405 147 728 207">Newton Firefighters Children's Fund</p> 	<p data-bbox="755 147 1454 272">To help families of Fallen Massachusetts Firefighters with aid and to reinforce that even though their mother or father or husband or wife may no longer be with us that they would always be part of the Bigger Fire family.</p>	<p data-bbox="1470 147 1999 175">Raising funds for Newton Firefighters Children Fund.</p>
<p data-bbox="118 570 309 597">Chelsea Farrell</p> 	<p data-bbox="405 570 728 630">Newton Firefighters Children's Fund</p> 	<p data-bbox="755 570 1454 954">The Newton Firefighter's Children's Fund was created back in 2012 to raise money for the children of fallen Firefighters across the state of Massachusetts and here in our own community of Newton. This fund pays out each year to any Massachusetts active firefighter who may pass away. Each one of their children, (under 21), will receive a check around the holiday season. The kids of the fallen Newton firefighters stay in program and receive a check every year until they reach the age of 21. The amount given out each year is in direct correlation to that year's fundraising success. Though it may be a small gesture, our goal is to reinforce to the children and families that they are part of our extended "Fire" family and that they will not be forgotten.</p>	<p data-bbox="1470 570 2610 889">I am so excited to be running the Boston Marathon in April 2023 on behalf of the Newton Firefighters Children's Fund running team!! To be able to give back and support those that have made the greatest sacrifice to serve and protect our communities is a great honor that I do not take lightly. This charity was created back in 2012 to raise money for the families and children of fallen loved ones across Massachusetts that have lost their lives in the line of duty. The funds donated are provided to assist with medical and educational expenses, life necessities, and can provide financial support during the holiday season. Although only a small gesture, N.F.C.F. seeks to ensure that the families and children are not forgotten and to reinforce that they will always have an extended "fire" family and network of support. Running the Boston Marathon has been a bucket list item of mine and I am looking forward to the physical challenge alongside meeting my fundraising goal of \$7500. I am so grateful for your generosity and support and I can't wait to meet that finish line!</p>







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<p>Jeanette Whelan</p> 	<p>Newton Firefighters Children's Fund</p> 	<p>Helping firefighters families in their time of need.</p>	<p>Never thought I'd be saying this but I will be running the 2023 Boston Marathon and fundraising for a great cause!! The Newton Firefighters Children Fund!!! I am honored and blessed to be able to participate. As many people may know my father Edward Gourdeau Jr. was a firefighter for 34 years in Newton and is my Hero ! I am both excited and scared at the same time. It's an honor to be a part of this fundraiser, meeting my goal, and crossing the finish line!! Wish me luck 😊💛</p>
<p>Elaine O'Loughlin</p> 	<p>Newton Firefighters Children's Fund</p> 	<p>Newton Firefighters Children's Fund was created in 2012 to raise money for the children of fallen firefighters across the state of Massachusetts.</p>	<p>I'm raising money for Newton Firefighters Children's Fund (NFCF), who do great work for a cause that's very close to our hearts. I am a mum of 2, neuroscientist and wife of a Newton Firefighter. In 2021, at 5 months old, our daughter Fiadh was diagnosed with drug resistant epilepsy. We have been in and out of hospitals, trying medications with neurosurgery and fighting for her. The NFCF has been amazing for our family. The donations directly help families who need it. To give back, I'm attempting to run this marathon! Please show your support for the fund and Fiadh. ❤️</p>







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<p>Joseph Fabiano</p> 	<p>Newton Firefighters Children's Fund</p> 	<p>The Newton Firefighters Children's Fund supports the families of fallen firefighters across Massachusetts. Each year, a donation is made to the families with children under 21 to help them during the holidays and remind them they are still part of the firefighter family.</p>	<p>In April, I will be running the 2023 Boston Marathon! I'm raising money for the Newton Firefighters Children's Fund. This is a wonderful charity that gives back to the families of firefighters who have lost loved ones in the line of duty. I started running 7 years ago and the Boston Marathon has always been a dream of mine. I greatly appreciate any donations to help me reach my goal. For every one hundred dollar donation, you will receive a N.F.C.F. t-shirt from my charity. Thank you for all your support that will help me get to the finish line.</p>
<p>Hannah McGoldrick</p> 	<p>Newton Firefighter's Children's Fund</p> 	<p>The mission of the Newton Firefighter's Children's Fund is to raise money for the children of fallen Firefighters across the state of Massachusetts and here in our own community of Newton.</p>	<p>My name is Hannah McGoldrick. I am a chemotherapy infusion nurse at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute located at 300 Boylston street in Newton!!! I am so grateful to be apart of this team, and the Newton Fire Department provides such wonderful care to our patient's when we have an emergency situation. It has been a pleasure for us to work with them thus far and I can't wait to continue to grow this connection within the community. I am grateful to be involved with this mission as it provides assistance to those going through difficult times or who have experienced a loss. I am excited to run the 2023 Boston Marathon with this group and look forward to running by my childhood home Station 2!!</p>





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<p>Mark DiStefano, Jr</p> 	<p>Newton Firefighter's Children's Fund</p> 	<p>To help families of Fallen Massachusetts Firefighters with aid and to reinforce that even though their mother or father or husband or wife may no longer be with us that they would always be part of the larger Fire family. It's a small reminder that we are in their corner!</p>	<p>As a lifelong resident of Massachusetts, I am extremely excited to be running in the 127th Boston Marathon. Having watched many Boston Marathons in person, I am always amazed with the runners, and the unbelievable challenge they are all willingly to accept. I am both excited and nervous to join the ranks of athletes to run Boston, and finish my first marathon. More importantly, I am honored to be running to raise funds for the Newton Firefighter's Children's Fund, a charity with a wonderful and important cause. The Newton Firefighter's Children's Fund raises money to support the families of fallen firefighters, with the mission to make sure that these families are financially supported, and for them to know the Bigger Fire family is always in their corner. All funds raised will go directly to support this cause. It is so important to support these families, and to honor the ultimate sacrifice their family member made. I hope to see you at the Marathon on April 17th!</p>
<p>Timothy Killilea</p> 	<p>Newton Firefighter's Children's Fund</p> 	<p>To help families of Fallen Massachusetts Firefighters with aid and to reinforce that even though their mother or father or husband or wife may no longer be with us that they would always be part of the Bigger Fire family.</p>	<p>A runner of 20 marathons, I am excited to be back in Boston! I will be raising money for the Newton Firefighter's Children's Fund and hope that you can contribute to an awesome charity that helps out the families of fallen firefighters!</p>





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<p>Cathy Wong</p> 	<p>Newton Food Pantry</p> 	<p>The Newton Food Pantry aims to alleviate food insecurity in Newton by providing supplemental food and personal care products to community members in need, serving our clients with dignity, compassion and respect. We believe no one deserves to go hungry, and everyone has a right to nutritious food. We address food insecurity with a community-based approach and value equity and inclusion. Our clients feel welcome and accept our help with dignity.</p>	<p>I am excited and honored to run the 2023 Boston Marathon on behalf of the Newton Food Pantry. I have worked with and volunteered for the NFP over a number of years. From my experience working with them on school-wide food drives to volunteering at the Freedge, I am always amazed by the reach and positive impact this organization has on members of our community. I have lived with my family in Newton for 10 years. Being a stay-at-home mom, I am fortunate to be able to volunteer in the community, like for the Newton Food Pantry. In my free time, I enjoy running with friends, practicing hot yoga, and gardening. I look forward to seeing many of you along the marathon route in April!</p>
<p>Declan Healy</p> 	<p>Newton Police Memorial Association</p> 	<p>The 2023 NPMA Marathon running club will be raising money on behalf of the Newton Police Memorial Association (NPMA). Established in 1938, the Association was formed to benefit injured officers and the families of our fallen officers. We contribute to officers that have become injured, sick or disabled. As time progressed the NPMA has taken on a role of a charitable organization, where amongst other events we award yearly scholarships to local high school graduates. The NPMA also donates thousands of dollars yearly to other charities within our community such as Cops for Kids With Cancer, Newton Athletes Unlimited, Boys & Girls Club, Second Step (survivors of domestic violence) and others in need.</p>	<p>I am running my 18th marathon, and 8th Boston Marathon for the Newton Police Memorial Association (NPMA). As a charity group that is very close to my heart, I could not feel more proud to have this opportunity. I thank you for your donations.</p>

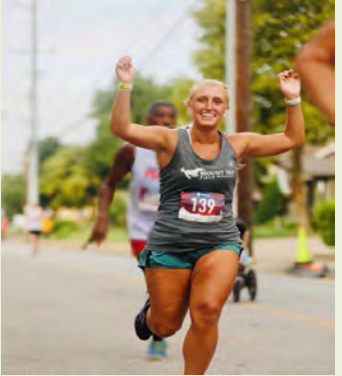

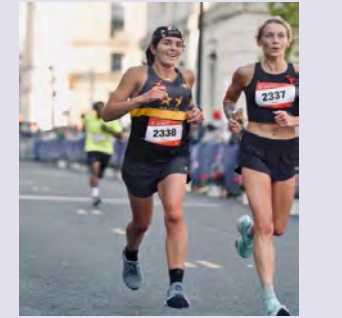

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<p>Jennifer Bailey</p> 	<p>Newton Police Memorial Association</p> 	<p>Established in 1938, the Newton Police Memorial Association was formed to benefit injured officers and the families of fallen officers.</p>	<p>It is a surprise to some when I tell people that I grew up on a farm, so here's a photo of me walking the goats for proof. When I'm not exercising goats or picking pumpkins in Connecticut, I can be found in Brooklyn testing recipes in my kitchen or (literally) running to work in Manhattan. With seven half marathons under my belt, I'm excited to participate in the Boston Marathon and experience the full 26.2 miles. It is an honor to be part of Team Newton supporting Newton Police Memorial Association. Thank you everyone for your support!</p>
<p>Leah Rosenblatt</p> 	<p>Newton Police Memorial Association</p> 	<p>Benefit injured officers and the families of fallen officers</p>	<p>Hi all! I am very excited to be a part of the 2023 Boston Marathon on behalf of Newton Police Memorial Association. I just completed the NYC marathon and that's something I've always wanted to do, being that that's where I live. I'm excited to be running in th oldest marathon the Boston Marathon, it's so iconic. Being in law enforcement it's so honorable to be a part of the Boston Marathon considering the terrible events that occurred in 2013, a decade ago. I couldn't be more thankful for being apart of the Boston Marathon and the Newton Police Memorial Association.</p>
<p>Sheri Marcotti</p> 	<p>Newton Police Memorial Association</p> 	<p>The 2023 NPMA Marathon running club will be raising money on behalf of the Newton Police Memorial Association. Established in 1938, the Association was formed to benefit injured officers and the families of our fallen officers. We contribute to officers that have become injured, sick or disabled. As time progressed the NPMA has taken on a role of a charitable organization, where amongst other events we award yearly scholarships to local high school graduates. The NPMA also donates thousands of dollars yearly to other charities within our community such as Cops for Kids With Cancer, Newton Athletes Unlimited, Boys & Girls Club, Second Step (survivors of domestic violence) and others in need.</p>	<p>Hello! My name is Sheri Ann and I'm running the 2023 Boston Marathon for Newton Police Memorial Association (NPMA) in honor of the injured and fallen first responders who put their lives at risk to protect us. This personally is a cause that's close to my heart having many friends and family who are officers that have either been badly injured or lost their lives in the line of duty. The NPMA was established in 1938 to benefit injured officers and the families of our fallen officers. I wanted to help however I can for this cause. Thank you for your donation!</p>







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<p>Stephanie Kushner</p> 	<p>Newton Police Memorial Association</p> 	<p>Established in 1938, the Association was formed to benefit injured officers and the families of our fallen officers. We are the charitable organization of the Newton Police Department.</p>	<p>Hi! I had an amazing time raising money and running in the 126th Boston Marathon, and am thrilled to announce that I will be doing it all AGAIN! I will be running in the 127th Boston Marathon on April 17, 2023. I'm super competitive with myself and would love to beat my fundraising goals, as well as course time! There goes the idea of 1 and done. Never say never.....I'm raising money for Newton Police Memorial Association, who do great work for a cause that's very close to my heart. If you can, please donate to my fundraising project on GivenGain! You Make it Possible! Same Course, Same Charity, Same Goal! #unfinishedbusiness #helpmehelpNPMA Like the marathon, life can sometimes be difficult, challenging and present obstacles, however if you believe in your dreams and never ever give up, things will turn out for the best. xoxo</p>
<p>Brandon Baia</p> 	<p>Newton Police Memorial Association</p> 	<p>Established in 1938, the Association was formed to benefit injured officers and the families of our fallen officers. We contribute to officers that have become injured, sick or disabled. As time progressed the NPMA has taken on a role of a charitable organization, where amongst other events we award yearly scholarships to local high school graduates. The NPMA also donates thousands of dollars yearly to other charities within our community such as Cops for Kids With Cancer, Newton Athletes Unlimited, Boys & Girls Club, Second Step (survivors of domestic violence) and others in need.</p>	<p>I am a 33 year old Marine Corps Veteran who served two combat tours in Afghanistan. I grew up in Newton and currently serve the community as a Police Officer. I am a husband and a father, and we're expecting our second child in May. In my spare time, I enjoy working out, fishing, and hiking with my dog.</p>
<p>Mike Defamio</p> 	<p>Newton Police Memorial Association</p> 	<p>The 2023 NPMA Marathon running club will be raising money on behalf of the Newton Police Memorial Association. Established in 1938, the Association was formed to benefit injured officers and the families of our fallen officers. We contribute to officers that have become injured, sick or disabled. As time progressed the NPMA has taken on a role of a charitable organization, where amongst other events we award yearly scholarships to local high school graduates. The NPMA also donates thousands of dollars yearly to other charities within our community such as Cops for Kids With Cancer, Newton Athletes Unlimited, Boys & Girls Club, Second Step (survivors of domestic violence) and others in need.</p>	<p>I am excited to share that I'm running the 2023 Boston Marathon! It has been a dream of mine since my wife and I moved up here in 2016. Even more exciting is that I'm raising money for Newton Police Memorial Association, who do great work benefiting injured officers and families of fallen officers. Please consider a contribution to support my run and also this fantastic foundation.</p>

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<p>Reid Larson</p> 	<p>Newton Police Memorial Association</p> 	<p>The 2022 NPMA Marathon running club will be raising money on behalf of the Newton Police Memorial Association. Established in 1938, the Association was formed to benefit injured officers and the families of our fallen officers. As time progressed the NPMA has taken on a role of a charitable organization, where amongst other events we award yearly scholarship's to four Newton high school graduates, donate thousands of dollars yearly to other charities and provide relief to those in need.</p>	<p>US Army Veteran and Newton Police Officer. I am married to Kaitlyn Larson and have two children, Tyler, and Emma. I am running on behalf of the Newton Police Department.</p>
<p>Jean Marie Carabuena</p> 	<p>Newton Police Memorial Foundation</p> 	<p>Established in 1938, the association was formed to benefit injured officers and the families of our fallen officers. As time progressed the NPMA has taken on a role of a charitable organization, where among other events we award yearly scholarships to four Newton high school graduates, donate thousands of dollars yearly to other charities and provide relief to those in need.</p>	<p>This won't be my first, and hopefully not my last, but always for something greater than me.</p>
<p>Ashley Garcia</p> 	<p>Newton Rotary Foundation</p> 	<p>Among its activities, The Rotary Club of Newton awards six scholarships each year to graduating high school seniors through the Newton Rotary Foundation. It also funds Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.</p>	<p>I am 46 years old, and this is my 9th Boston Marathon. I am originally from NH and have been active and physically fit all of my life. I ski, play field hockey, run, and love to be at the gym lifting. I am the mother of three kiddos who also enjoy playing sports. I am a critical care nurse at Beth Israel in Boston and worked 36-60 hour work weeks during the COVID crisis.</p>

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<p>Noah Dooley</p> 	<p>Newton Schools Foundation</p> 	<p>Newton Schools Foundation advances excellence and equity in the Newton Public Schools by making grants in 3 strategic areas: new approaches in the classroom, professional development for teachers, and programs that promote equity for all students.</p>	<p>My name is Noah Dooley, and I'm a Needham High School senior. I've been involved in marathon training with Dreamfar High School Marathon since my freshman year, completing my first full marathon this past May in Providence, Rhode Island. I'm excited to have the opportunity to run the upcoming Boston Marathon, a race I've followed for years, on behalf of the Newton Schools Foundation. Dreamfar was founded at Newton South High School, and I've been running with Newton-based mentors every Saturday morning since I first started training so I'm grateful to be able to represent the community! As well as running, I enjoy playing and watching soccer, participating in extracurricular activities, travelling, and spending time with my friends and family.</p>
<p>Megan Kaswandik</p> 	<p>Riverside Community Care</p> 	<p>Riverside Community Care makes a difference in the lives of individuals, families, and communities through innovative and compassionate behavioral healthcare and human services and uses technology to improve access to quality care and expand our impact.</p>	<p>Hi everyone – I am honored to be running the Boston Marathon (my first marathon!) for Riverside Community Care, one of the largest community-based behavioral healthcare and human services organizations in Massachusetts. This is especially fitting since running and mental health are linked for me. Here's my story... I had always been active – in high school I was a sprinter and did competitive dance and acrobatics. Leading up to college graduation and after, I started to question where I was going with my life and was really struggling with anxiety and depression. I hid it for a long time and tried to deal with it myself (as most of us do), but eventually hit my own version of a breaking point and decided to get help...It was the best decision I ever made for myself. One of the ways I learned to cope with my anxiety and depression was long-distance running with my dad. Five years later, running turned into a true passion and I have now run multiple 5Ks, 10ks, two 10 milers, and two half marathons. I am ready for my first marathon! Riverside provides mental health services to thousands of children and adults – the kind of services I received at a time when I needed help. That help was not only a lifeline, but it led to my passion for running. I cannot think of a better organization to support while I continue to challenge myself physically, mentally, and emotionally these next few months training for the Boston Marathon! My goal is to raise \$5,000 for Riverside! Your support, especially right now when the need for Riverside's services is higher than ever, would mean so much to me and the many people who rely on Riverside's mental health, substance use, and human services. Thank you for supporting my running journey and Riverside!</p>

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<p>Caroline Leary</p> 	<p>Story Starters</p> 	<p>Family Conversations supports families in discussing race and racism and empowers parents to effectively communicate their anti-racist values to their young children. We target the critical developmental window -- ages 3-8 -- when parents are poised to have a significant impact on their children's beliefs about race. With the guidance of at-home resources, community connections, and support from Story Starters, our families are changing the way their kids interpret the world around them.</p>	<p>Caroline Leary started thinking of herself as a runner when she joined the cross country team in sixth grade. It was really hard at first and she relied on water breaks at the local library on every run for a while. Not one to back down from a challenge, she kept going. She liked the simplicity of it. Many things in life are complicated, but with running, no thinking is required. You just put on your shoes and go. She ran at Bedford High School (in Bedford, MA) and Trinity College, where she was lucky enough to meet her friend Ellie, bonding over eating candy to fuel their late night study sessions. Fast forward to 2020 and Caroline and her family participated in the eye-opening and transformative Story Starters program organized by Ellie. When Ellie asked if she would run the Boston Marathon on behalf of Story Starters, there was no decision to make. Caroline is honored to be running to support Story Starters' mission. She's striving to be a race-brave adult, who teaches her two children, Liam and Maya, to demand equity and justice in their community.</p>
<p>Mariia (Marichka) Padalko</p> 	<p>Sunflower of Peace</p> 	<p>Sunflower of Peace is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our vision is Ukraine that is free, independent, democratic, and peaceful: a society where all people can thrive. Our current mission is dictated by the dark realities of Russia's brutal invasion of Ukraine: we provide life-saving medical and humanitarian aid to Ukrainians most gravely affected by this war. With offices both in the United States and in Ukraine and an extensive global network of volunteers, we are able to identify critical gaps, procure needed supplies, and deliver our aid to Ukraine's most dire destinations. In all we do, we are guided by the principles of transparency, accountability, agility, and collaboration. Volunteers are the heart, brain, and engine of our operations. Sunflower of Peace is a global movement that empowers all supporters of Ukraine to make a lasting and meaningful impact.</p>	<p>Mariia Padalko - or, Marichka Padalko, as most people know her in Ukraine - is a famous journalist and anchor on Ukrainian television. A dedicated athlete herself, she worked as a sports reporter early in her career, but has turned to children's TV and day shows in more recent years. Marichka is known and loved in Ukraine for her open and confident spirit, strong feminist beliefs and family values, dedication to her country and a warm, two-way relationship with her viewers and followers. Marichka is a mother of 3 children and a wife to Egor Sobolev - a former journalist turned activist and politician, who volunteered to join the Ukrainian Defense Forces to protect his country and resist Russia's aggression. Through action and dedication, Marichka and her family have committed themselves to ensuring that Ukraine remains free and independent. Marichka's is the face of proud resilience of Ukraine's incredible resistance.</p>

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<p>Suzanne Thibault</p> 	<p>The Price Center</p> 	<p>Empowering individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to thrive in living, social and work communities since 1977.</p>	<p>The 127th Boston Marathon will be Suzanne’s 1st marathon. In 2018, during her Junior year at Mount Ida, the college closed. She became severely depressed — never experiencing a senior year to play collegiate field hockey and saying goodbye to friends sooner than imagined. At the advice of her doctor, she focused on a future goal — to run a marathon by the time she was 25. In the Fall of 2018, she changed her mind set and began to run. Suzanne always disliked running but nonetheless started to train for a 5k. In 2019, she signed up for her first Half Marathon — training extremely hard -- and in February 2020 ran the Hyannis Half Marathon in 1 hour and 57 minutes. Shortly after, the COVID-19 pandemic hit but Suzanne continued to run. In 2021, she invested in a Peloton treadmill which changed the way she viewed running. She now had a virtual community of coaches and fellow runners training beside her — offering daily support. Suzanne has run 4-half marathons, several 10ks, 5ks and 4 milers. In April 2022, she ran a 5k in St. Augustine, Florida and placed 2nd in her division. When she is not running, Suzanne continues to live an active lifestyle — biking, walking, attending yoga and strength classes. Suzanne loves spending time with her friends and family at the Cape and enjoys the company of her dog, Marina. "Looking back at my younger self, I never imagined I could be a runner. I don’t run for pace or distance, I run for my mental health and the individuals we serve at the Price Center. They truly inspire me." Suzanne Thibault has been with The Price Center since 2018. Today, she works as Program Innovation Manager — coordinating virtual programming and services for Price Center participants. Suzanne is currently enrolled at Lesley College where she is working towards her master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling with a focus in Trauma Studies.</p>
<p>Emily Cummings</p> 	<p>The Second Step</p> 	<p>The Second Step is a community of survivors, advocates, and volunteers who foster the safety, stability, and well-being of those who have experienced domestic violence. We provide comprehensive services, including safety planning, legal advocacy, counseling, peer support, transitional housing, and other essential services to adults, youth, and children in Greater Boston and MetroWest.</p>	<p>I currently live in Charlestown, MA, I am raising money and awareness for The Second Step. This will be my 4th marathon and 1st Boston Marathon. I am honored to be representing The Second Step for the 127th Boston Marathon, and running with a very heavy heart for all of those affected by the 2013 Boston Marathon on this 10th Anniversary.</p>

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<p>Eric Pekarsky</p> 	<p>Understanding our Differences</p> 	<p>To raise money for kids and give them the same mission. 5000\$ I'm raising money for Understanding Our Differences! Understanding Our Differences is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and a national leader in disability awareness education. The curriculum teaches elementary school children to see a whole person and to better understand others with physical, sensory or developmental disabilities. It covers Physical Disabilities, Autism, Learning Disabilities as well as Chronic Medical Conditions like Asthma, Allergies, Diabetes and Epilepsy. Understanding Our Differences is a national leader that has done wonderful work for over 40 years and a cause that's very close to my heart.</p>	<p>Hi I'm Eric Pekarsky and I'm running for a great cause (Understanding our Differences)!! This is my second time running the Boston Marathon and I'm beyond excited.</p>
<p>Charlie Schmidt</p> 	<p>West Suburban YMCA</p> 	<p>The West Suburban YMCA, a charitable non-profit organization, strengthens the foundations of our community by supporting youth development, healthy living and social responsibility for all.</p>	<p>Charlie Schmidt (Needham, MA) is thrilled for the opportunity to run the Boston Marathon for the West Suburban YMCA. Charlie attended and worked at the Y's resident Camp Frank A. Day (CFAD) for 9 years, and serves as the co-chair of the CFAD Capital Campaign Committee. He reflects that his time at CFAD held some of his fondest childhood memories and played an integral part of who he is today; he now gets to relive the experience through the eyes of his own children who attend CFAD each summer. He is motivated to raise funds that will enable the West Suburban YMCA to continue to provide amazing programs like CFAD that allow all kids to have a bright future.</p>
<p>Brian Smith</p> 	<p>Community Veterinary Clinic</p> 	<p>The Community Veterinary clinic at the UMASS at Mount Ida Campus provides basic veterinary care of economically disadvantaged pet owners and other under-served populations in Mass.</p>	<p>I ran the Boston Marathon in 2013 and am excited to be running again, for the first time in 10 years. I grew up in Seattle, WA and after finishing school moved to Boston in 2012. I am still a Seattle fan through and through but have come to enjoy Boston sports (only when not playing Seattle). I am a Physical Therapist and am an Orthopedic Clinical Specialist and a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist. I work primarily with orthopedic and sport injuries and have a passion of treating runners and golfers. I am an avid runner and enjoy spending time with my amazing wife and two kids.</p>